

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 91-555-C - ORDER NO. 91-933 ✓
OCTOBER 29, 1991

IN RE: Request of Southern Bell for Approval) ORDER GRANTING
 of Revisions to its General Subscriber) PETITION
 Service Tariff to Introduce MemoryCall)
 as a New Service Offering)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by Petition of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell or the Company) which asks this Commission to allow it to offer on a limited basis its MemoryCall service in South Carolina.

On August 26, 1991, Southern Bell filed with the Commission its proposed terms, conditions, rates and charges for MemoryCall service. A full hearing on these matters is scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 1991 at 10:30 a.m. Southern Bell, however, comes before this Commission stating that since MemoryCall is the first tariffed service offering in South Carolina to utilize open network architecture (ONA) and Caller ID-type features, that it would be extremely beneficial to the Commission, the Company and its customers, if a limited trial of the service could be offered in South Carolina. Southern Bell proposes to allow a third party vendor to install a limited MemoryCall service for use by the

South Carolina Family Court system. Southern Bell states that the size of the system would not exceed fifty (50) mailboxes. The Company also states that the customer has agreed to pay, even on a retroactive basis, the ultimate rate for the service approved by the Commission.

Because the Order of the Honorable Thomas L. Hughston, Jr., Judge, Fifth Judicial Circuit which declared Caller ID service to be in concert with the statutory and constitutional laws of this State was being reviewed by the South Carolina Supreme Court, the Commission has not been able to hold hearings concerning Southern Bell's MemoryCall filing. However, on October 7, 1991, the South Carolina Supreme Court affirmed Judge Hughston's Order. See, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company v. Steven W. Hamm, the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs and the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Opinion No. 23488, issued October 7, 1991. Therefore, this Commission intends to proceed with a hearing on MemoryCall on November 14, 1991.

The Commission is of the opinion that it should grant Southern Bell's request for a limited trial of the MemoryCall service. The Commission believes that the trial system should consist of no more than fifty (50) mailboxes. The Commission believes that since this is the first tariffed service offering in South Carolina to utilize ONA and Caller ID-type features, it would be beneficial to all parties to see how the system works on a trial basis.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED.

1. That the Petition of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company to offer MemoryCall service to a third party vendor who wishes to install a limited MemoryCall service for use by the Family Court System in South Carolina is hereby granted.


2. That the size of the system shall not exceed fifty (50) mailboxes.

3. That MemoryCall shall be offered in this way on a trial basis only and that the Commission has the right to order the trial ended should the Commission deem it appropriate.

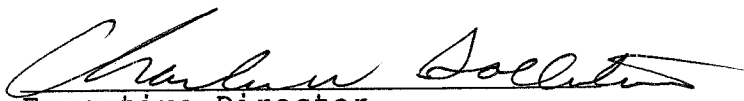
4. That the rate charged shall conform to that approved by the Commission after hearing of the overall MemoryCall filing, as per the agreement of Southern Bell and its customer.

5. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


ACTING Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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